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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended):

1. A self-correcting inertial navigation system, comprising:

inertial sensor means for providing an inertial measurement signal containing inertial position

data representing the position of said a mobile unit and means responsive to said

measurement signal for broadcasting an RF signal containing said inertial position

measurement data;

first means for deriving said inertial position data from said RF signal;

second means for effecting phase difference triangulation measurement of said RF signal to

provide phase information;

data processing means responsive to said inertial position data from said first means and said

phase information from said phase difference triangulation measurement means for

employing said phase information to provide an output representing said inertial position data

corrected for drift; and

display means for displaying said output of said data processing means.

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Claim 2 (currently amended):

2. A self-correcting inertial navigation system, comprising;

a mobile unit;

said mobile unit comprising an inertial position sensor and an RF transmitter; and

a base station;

said base station having a receiver responsive to inertial position data from said inertial position sensor broadcast by said RF transmitter; and

phase difference triangulation apparatus responsive to signals from said mobile unit;

a data processor connected to said receiver and said phase difference triangulation apparatus for correcting employing phase difference information from said phase difference triangulation apparatus to correct the inertial position data for drift; and

a corrected measurement display connected to said data processor.

Claim 3 (original):

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3. A self-correcting inertial navigation system as claimed in claim 2, wherein said receiver and

said phase difference triangulation apparatus are both responsive to a common RF signal from

said RF transmitter.

Claim 4 (currently amended):

4. A self-correcting inertial navigation system, comprising:-

a mobile unit;

said mobile unit having an accelerometer, an RF transmitter and a microcontroller connected

between said accelerometer and said RF transmitter; and

a base station;

said base station having a receiver responsive to signals from said RF transmitter, a phase

difference triangulation apparatus responsive to signals from said RF transmitter, a data

processor responsive to outputs inertial position data from said receiver and phase difference

information from said phase difference triangulation apparatus to provide an output

representing measurement of the position of said mobile unit corrected for drift; and

an output device for indicating said corrected measurement.

Claim 5 (currently amended):

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5. A position measurement system, comprising:

a mobile unit;

said mobile unit comprising an inertial sensor and a transmitter connected to an output of said inertial sensor for broadcasting a corresponding an inertial position measurement signal; and

a base station responsive to the measurement signal, said base station including a receiver[[s]] responsive to the inertial position measurement signal, an interferometer responsive to the inertial position measurement signal and a processor programmed to obtain inertial position information from the inertial position measurement signal and phase difference information from said interferometer and to provide a position measurement based on said inertial position information and corrected by said phase difference information.

Claim 6 (currently amended):

6. A position measurement system, comprising:

a mobile unit;

said mobile unit comprising an inertial sensor and a transmitter connected to an output of said inertial sensor;

a base station;

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said base station comprising a receiver responsive to an inertial measurement signal broadcast

by said transmitter, a first antenna connected to said receiver, second and third antennas

spaced apart from one another, a phase detector responsive to phase differences in said signal

between the inertial measurement signal at said second and third antennas to provide phase

difference information and a processor configured to provide a measurement of the position

of said mobile unit based on inertial information received by said receiver from said inertial

sensor and to correct said position measurement in accordance with said phase difference

information.

Claim 7 (original):

7. A method of measuring the position of a mobile unit, which comprises the steps of employing

inertial sensing of the position of said mobile unit to provide an inertial sensing data signal,

broadcasting said signal, detecting said signal at separate locations, detecting phase differences

between said signal at said separate locations, deriving inertial position information from said

signal, and outputting a position measurement based on said inertial sensing and corrected by

said phase differences.

Claim 8 (cancelled)

Claim 9 (new):

9. A method of determining the position of a mobile unit, which includes the steps of:-

inertial sensing measurement of the position;

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transmission of the inertial sensing measurement as an RF signal from the mobile unit to a base station;

phase difference triangulation of the RF signal at the base station; and

employing the phase difference triangulation measurement to correct the inertial sensing measurement.